

HB 1262 -- SCHOOLS FOR THE SEVERELY DISABLED

SPONSOR: Hubrecht

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Emerging Issues in Education by a vote of 9 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill establishes the Committee on Schools for the Severely Disabled in the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, composed of the following five members:

- (1) One member who is an employee of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, appointed by the Commissioner of Education;
- (2) One member from the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker;
- (3) One member from the Senate, appointed by the President Pro Tem;
- (4) One member from the Joint Committee on Education, appointed by the Committee Chair; and
- (5) One member who is on the staff of the Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled appointed by the Commissioner of Education.

The bill requires the Committee on Schools for the Severely Disabled to examine the regulations under which the schools for the severely disabled are established and recommend any changes to the regulations that would allow the schools to better serve students.

Before December 1, 2015, the committee must report its findings and recommendations to the House of Representatives Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill would ensure that Missouri's population of severely disabled students is receiving the best possible education.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Hubrecht.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition to the bill.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill addressed concerns regarding assessments for these students.

Testifying on the bill was Missouri Department of Elementary and

Secondary Education.